

Woodsborough & Frederick Turnpike Tollhouse  
Walkersville  
Private

C. 1858

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Woodsborough and Frederick Turnpike Company tollhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Maryland Route 194, one mile  
south of Walkersville

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Frederick

CODE

021

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES, RESTRICTED  
☐ YES, UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☒ OTHER Not in use

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Discovery, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 255

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 20852

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

| CONDITION                          |  | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD      | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED               |   |   |

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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The tollhouse sitting on the east side of Maryland Route 194 south of Walkersville was once part of the toll road run by the Woodsborough and Frederick Turnpike Company.

The building is a two-story brick structure laid in common bond on a low, random-coursed stone foundation. It is four bays wide on the front (south) facade, two bays wide on the rear (north), and one room deep. A small interior end chimney at each gable end above the standing seam metal roof. A simple boxed cornice is under the eaves along each long elevation, and flat wood bargeboards stretch from the cornice to the chimney.

The south facade has two entrances located in the two center bays and a window in each end bay. Both windows, presently boarded up, probably contained 6/6, double-hung sash. A one-story porch is located across this entire facade; its metal roof comes about a foot short of the eave line.

On both the north facade and west gable end are two windows of 6/6, double-hung sash with narrow wood lintels. Two of these are boarded up. Above these in the west gable are two six-light windows with wood lintels; the north one retains a pair of shutters, in poor repair. Two other six-light windows are located in the east gable as well. Above the two windows on the north facade are two horizontal windows with sliding sash; these appear to have been added later.

Because the tollhouse is boarded up, it was not possible to enter it for the purposes of this report. However, the building retains its original wide board floors, a late 19th century mantel, and a tight winder staircase.

Attached to the east end of the tollhouse is a frame outbuilding which is covered with vertical boards and has a brick chimney. A small shed-roofed addition is attached to the north side of this. These additions obscure the first floor of the east end.

Plans have been made by the current owner, a developer, to donate the tollhouse property to a local preservation group for a community-related purpose.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)           |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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As Frederick County developed, more roads were needed to service the increasing traffic. Local people were hesitant to underwrite the costs of new roads, however, because the main ones were so heavily traveled by people moving west. Turnpikes built by private companies and financed by tolls proved to be a solution.

This tollhouse was once one of many such properties in use in Frederick and other western Maryland counties. Today perhaps half a dozen of these remain in Frederick County, of which this is the least altered.

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<sup>1</sup>Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland.

<sup>2</sup>Frederick County Land Records, ES7/439, May 20, 1855.

<sup>3</sup>Frederick County Acts of Incorporation Record 1868-1880, p.81, September 18, 1869.

<sup>4</sup>Frederick County Land Records ES7/439

### 3 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Frederick County.

Williams, T.J.C. History of Frederick County.  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1967. (Reprint.)

### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Five acres

UTM REFERENCES

|   |      |         |          |   |      |         |          |
|---|------|---------|----------|---|------|---------|----------|
| A | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | B | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | D | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

### 11 FORM PREPARED BY

1 km

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Historic Preservation

DATE

April 18, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church Street, Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

301-663-8300 ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

### 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL \_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_

LOCAL \_\_\_\_

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

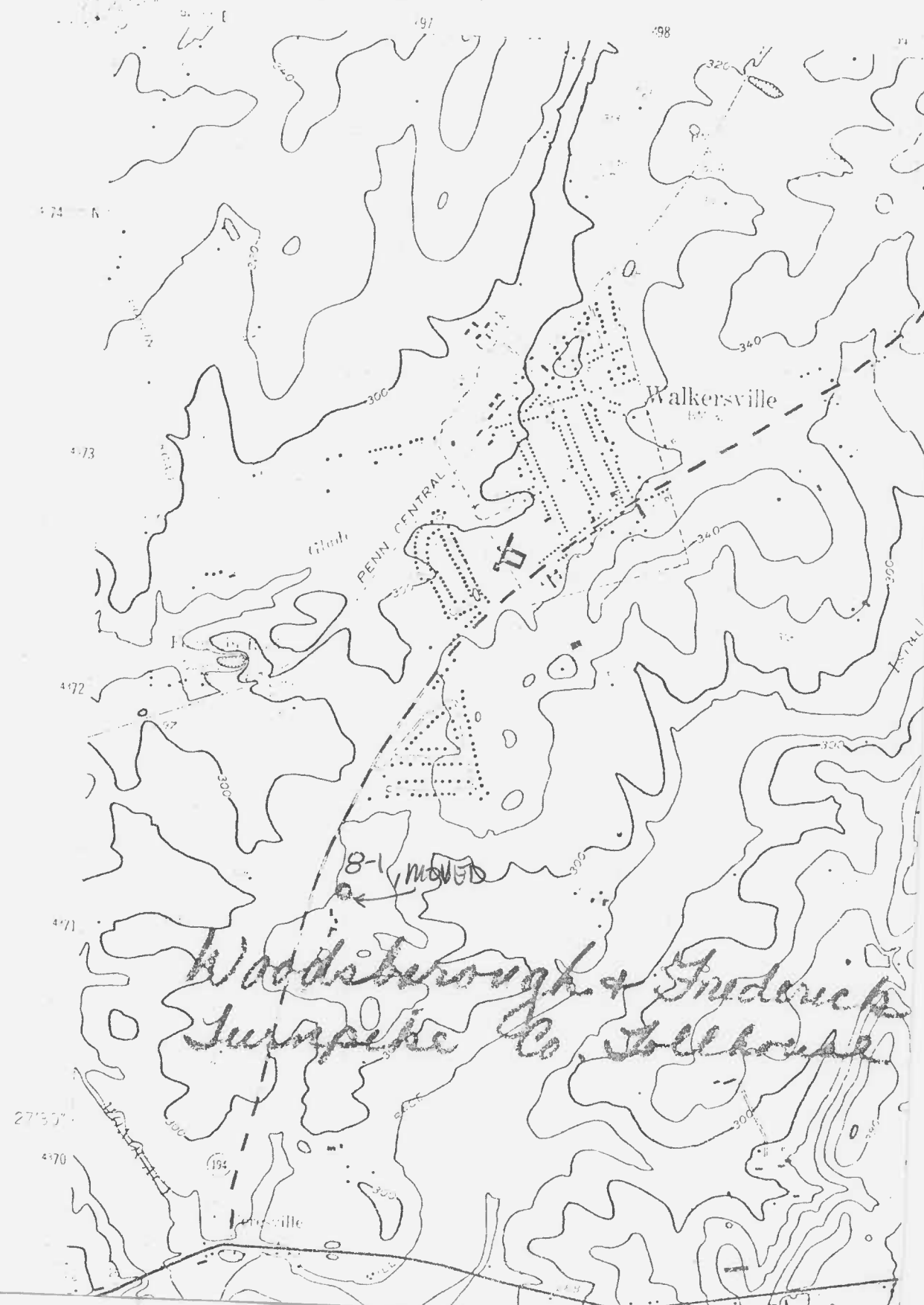
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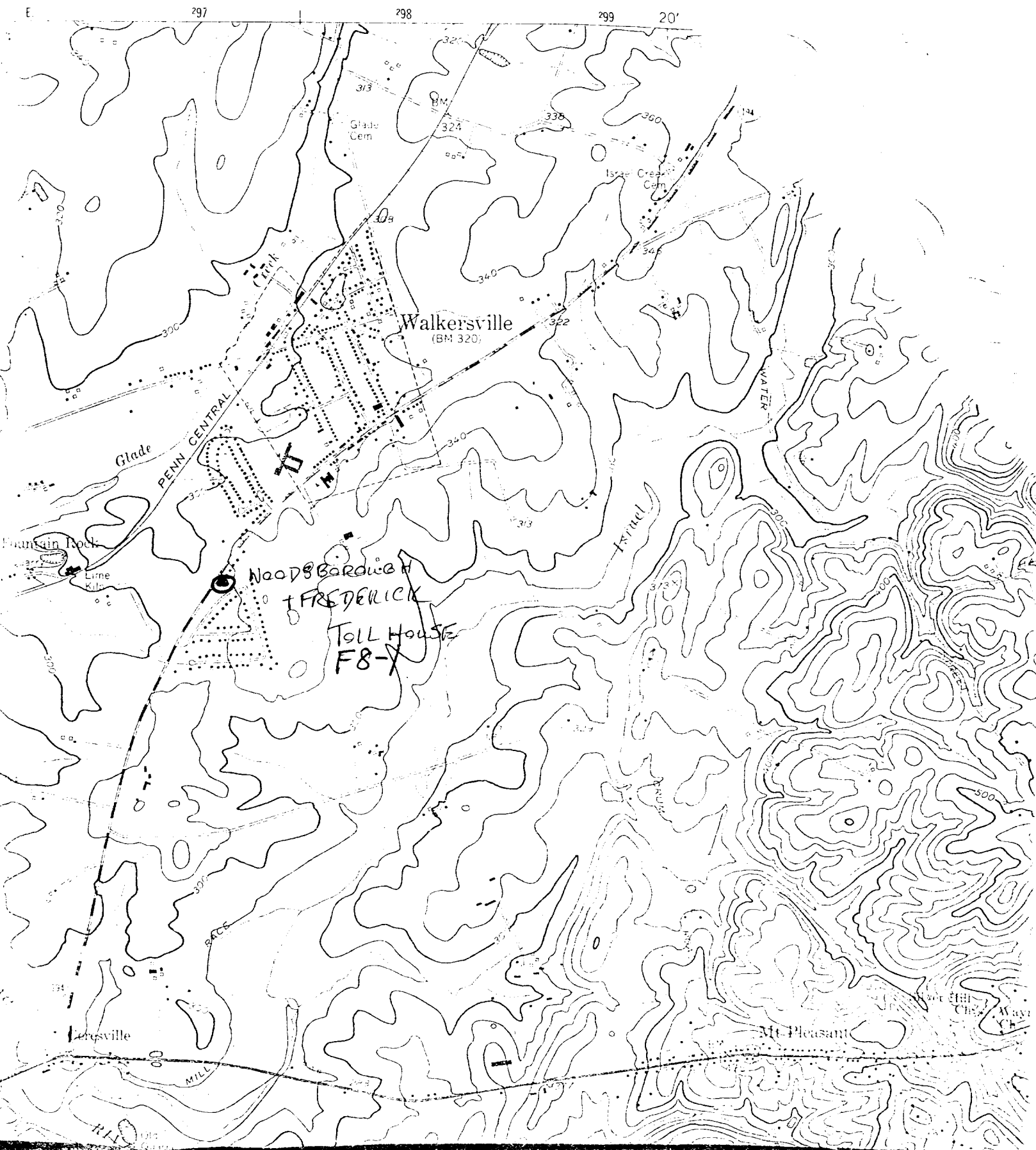
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ES/ Rte 194 NR WALKERSVILLE CEW 5/78 F-8-1

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